

SENATE RESOLUTION 113
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Speir-Gebhardt on the occasion of her retirement from teaching.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Linda Speir-Gebhardt is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher over the course of her more than 34-year career; she entered into a much deserved retirement on December 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, having been educated in the Tennessee Public School System, Ms. Speir-Gebhardt, after graduating from Cookeville Central High School, furthered her education by earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Speir-Gebhardt devoted herself to education by teaching for the majority of her career, serving with excellence at Crossville High School; Monterey High School, Apollo Middle School, and Brentwood High School, she also also taught in California and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, evidencing compassion and dedication, Linda Speir-Gebhardt served as a Special Education teacher for 30 exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Speir-Gebhardt, being an astutely talented actress, has given wonderful performances in numerous plays and movies, as well as modeling and appearing in print advertisements; since her retirement, has been able to actively pursue her former hobby of acting; and

WHEREAS, throughout her admirable career, Linda Speir-Gebhardt has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect of her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Linda Speir-Gebhardt truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideas of public service and quality education for all, and exemplifies the spirit of dedication and devotion that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Ms. Linda Speir-Gebhardt, commending her excellent service to the children of Tennessee, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.